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220-2-.01 2004-2005 Hunting Seasons

(1) The following 2004-2005 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manner, and means, are hereby established:

- (a) **DEER: BUCKS ONLY** with bare antlers visible above natural hairline – one a day. Guns or Bow and Arrow (including crossbows if legal).

Autauga; Baldwin; Barbour; Blount; Bullock; Butler (except south of Alabama Hwy. 106 and east of I-65); **Calhoun** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Choctaw; Clarke; Clay** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Coffee** (except south of Alabama Hwy. 134 and east of County Road 460); **Colbert; Conecuh; Covington** (except that area north of U.S. Hwy. 84 and except Conecuh National Forest Lands outside the Blue Springs Wildlife Management Area); **Crenshaw** (except that area inside the following boundaries, from the east city limit of Luverne, U.S. Hwy. 29 east to the junction of County Road 57, County Road 57 south to the junction of Davis Road, Davis Road west to County Road 41, County Road 41 south to U.S. Hwy. 331, U.S. Hwy. 331 north to County Road 41, County Road 41 north to County Road 39, County Road 39 north to the Luverne city limit); **Cullman; Dale; Dallas** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Elmore** (except that area east of U.S. Hwy. 231, south of Alabama Hwy. 14, west of Tumkeehatchee Creek and north of the Tallapoosa River); **Escambia** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Etowah; Fayette; Greene; Hale** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Jefferson; Lee; Lowndes; Macon** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Marengo; Mobile; Monroe; Montgomery; Pickens; Pike; Russell; Shelby; St. Clair; Sumter; Talladega** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Tallapoosa; Tuscaloosa** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Walker; Washington; Wilcox; and Winston** (except National Forest Service Lands and that area east of Hwy. 5 from the Walker County line to Natural Bridge and that area north of Hwy. 278).

Bibb, Chilton, and Perry (except National Forest Service Lands in the three counties and except that area east of Alabama Hwy. 219, south of U.S. Hwy. 82 and north of Alabama Hwy. 183).

By Dog or Stalk Hunting

November 20 – January 15

By Stalk Hunting Only
(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT)

January 16 – January 31

That area of **Bibb, Chilton, and Perry** east of Alabama Hwy. 219, south of U.S. Hwy. 82 and north of Alabama Hwy. 183.

Butler, south of Alabama Hwy. 106 and east of I-65; and **Coffee**, south of Alabama Hwy. 134 and east of County Road 460.

Crenshaw, that area inside the following boundaries, from the east city limit of Luverne, U.S. Hwy. 29 east to the junction of County Road 57, County Road 57 south to the junction of Davis Road, Davis Road west to County Road 41, County Road 41 south to U.S. Hwy. 331, U.S. Hwy. 331 north to County Road 41, County Road 41 north to County Road 39, County Road 39 north to the Luverne city limit.

That area of **Elmore**, east of U.S. Hwy. 231, south of Alabama Hwy. 14, west of Tumkeehatchee Creek and north of the Tallapoosa River.

Cherokee; Cleburne (except National Forest Service Lands); **DeKalb; Franklin** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Houston; Jackson; Lamar; Lauderdale; Lawrence** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Limestone; Madison; Marion; Marshall; Morgan; Randolph.**

Winston, that area east of Hwy. 5 from Walker County line to Natural Bridge and that area north of Hwy. 278.

By Stalk Hunting Only (NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT)

November 20 – January 31

Chambers; Coosa; Covington (north of U.S. Hwy. 84 and except National Forest Service Lands); **Geneva; Henry.**

No Dogs** or Buckshot except by special permit from the Department.

November 20 – January 15

By Stalk Hunting Only

(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT)

January 16 – January 31

Dog Deer Hunting may be allowed in **Chambers; Coosa; Covington, (north of U.S. Hwy 84 and except National Forest Service Lands); **Geneva;** and **Henry** Counties under special permit from the Department. Individual property owners in these counties may hunt with dogs on their own property without special permit. No dog deer hunting allowed on Open Permit-Public Land (see definition).

National Forest Service Lands

Calhoun; Clay; and Talladega Counties.

By Dog or Stalk Hunting (except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays*)

November 20 – January 15

By Stalk Hunting Only (except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays*)

(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT)

January 16 – January 31

Bibb; Chilton; Covington (except Blue Springs Management Area); **Dallas; Escambia; Hale; Macon; Perry;** and **Tuscaloosa Counties.**

By Stalk Hunting Only

(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT)

November 20 – January 31

Cleburne; Franklin; Lawrence and Winston Counties.

By Stalk Hunting Only (except on Tuesdays and Wednesdays*)

(NO DOGS OR BUCKSHOT)

November 20 – January 31

*In addition to the above dates, deer hunting season is open on National Forest Service Lands listed above on Tuesday and Wednesday, *November 23 – 24* and *December 21– 22.*

1. **DEER: HUNTERS' CHOICE (except spotted fawns) – During the Hunters' Choice Gun Season.** Two deer per day may be harvested only one of which may be an antlered buck. Legal hunting methods (Dog or Stalk Hunting) shall be the same as listed in the **Deer: Bucks Only Season** for each county or area during the dates of Hunters' Choice Season.

73-Day Season – (Entire Season)

Autauga; Baldwin; Barbour; Bibb (except National Forest Service Lands); **Bullock; Butler; Chambers; Chilton** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Choctaw; Clarke; Coffee; Conecuh; Coosa; Covington** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Crenshaw; Dale; Dallas** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Elmore; Escambia** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Fayette; Geneva; Greene; Hale** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Henry; Houston; Lamar; Lee; Lowndes; Macon** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Marengo; Marion; Mobile; Monroe; Montgomery; Perry** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Pickens; Pike; Russell; Sumter; Tallapoosa; Tuscaloosa** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Washington; and Wilcox.**

Private Owned and Leased Lands

November 20 – January 31

Open Permit-Public Land (Except National Forest Service Lands and except the U.S. Corps of Engineers lands in Greene, Pickens, and Sumter Counties)

December 28 – January 2

49-Day Season

Calhoun (except National Forest Service Lands); **Clay** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Cleburne** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Jackson; Madison; Randolph; St. Clair; and Talladega** (except National Forest Service Lands).

Private Owned and Leased Lands

November 20 – January 7

Open Permit-Public Land (except National Forest Service Lands)

December 28 – January 2

35-Day Season

Cherokee; Colbert; Cullman, south of US Hwy. 278; **DeKalb; Etowah; Franklin** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Lauderdale; Lawrence** (except National Forest Service Lands); **Limestone; Shelby; Walker; and Winston** (except National Forest Service Lands).

Private Owned and Leased Lands

*November 20 – December 8
December 18 – January 2*

Open Permit-Public Land (except National Forest Service Lands)

December 28 – January 2

20-Day Season

Blount; Cullman, north of U.S. Hwy. 278; **Jefferson; Marshall; and Morgan.**

Private Owned and Leased Lands

*November 20 – November 30
December 25 – January 2*

Open Permit-Public Land (except National Forest Service Lands)

December 28 – January 2

16-Day Season

National Forest Service Lands in Covington, Escambia, and Macon Counties.

December 18 – January 2

9-Day Season

National Forest Service Lands in Bibb, Chilton, Dallas, Hale, Perry, and Tuscaloosa Counties and Corps of Engineers lands in Greene, Pickens, and Sumter Counties.

December 25 – January 2

Open Permit-Public Lands (except National Forest Service Lands and Corps of Engineers lands listed above)

December 28 – January 2

2. DEER: BY BOW AND ARROW (INCLUDING CROSSBOW IF LEGAL) AND SPEAR — STALK HUNTING ONLY (NO DOGS)

Two deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck (except Spotted Fawns)

STATEWIDE [except Bankhead and Talladega (Talladega Division) National Forest]

October 15 – January 31

Bankhead and Talladega (Talladega Division) National Forest —

No deer hunting on Tuesday and Wednesday each week*

October 15 – January 31

*In addition to the above dates, deer hunting season is open on the National Forest Service Lands listed above on Tuesday and Wednesday, *November 23 – 24* and *December 21– 22*.

3. DEER: SPECIAL MUZZLELOADER SEASON – STALK HUNTING ONLY (NO DOGS)

During the muzzleloader deer season, two deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck (except Spotted Fawns).

Blount; Calhoun; Cherokee; Clay; Cleburne; Colbert; Cullman; DeKalb; Etowah; Franklin; Jackson; Jefferson; Lauderdale; Lawrence; Limestone; Madison; Marshall; Morgan; Randolph; Shelby; St. Clair; Talladega; Walker; and Winston Counties.

Private Owned and Leased Lands

*November 15 – November 19
January 8 – January 24*

Corps of Engineers lands in **Greene, Pickens, and Sumter Counties**

November 15 – November 19

January 15 – January 31

Remainder of State

Private Owned and Leased Lands (except open permit-public lands)

November 15 – November 19

4. DEER: SPECIAL YOUTH DEER HUNTING DAY

Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – one deer per day). Same legal arms and ammunition apply as in Hunter's Choice deer season. For youth who have not yet reached their sixteenth birthday. Youth must be accompanied by an adult twenty-five years or older or parent may take their own child. Only the youth may hunt. One youth per adult. Adult must possess all required hunting license. Both the adult and youth must follow hunter orange requirements.

Statewide

November 13

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- (b) TURKEY: GOBBLERS ONLY**—One a Day, Five During Combined Fall and Spring Seasons. Closed Season to the use of Crossbows.

SPECIAL DISABLED HUNT ONE DAY PRIOR TO ALL OPENING DAYS.

Participants must meet medical requirements of regulation 220—2-.109

Clarke; Clay; Covington; Monroe; Randolph; and Talladega.

November 20 – January 1

March 15 – April 30

Autauga; Baldwin; Barbour; Bibb; Blount; Bullock; Butler; Calhoun; Chambers; Cherokee; Chilton; Choctaw; Cleburne; Coffee; Conecuh; Coosa; Crenshaw; Cullman (see exception below); Dale; Dallas; DeKalb; Elmore; Escambia; Etowah; Fayette; Geneva (except south of Hwy. 52, east of Hwy. 167, west of Houston County line and north of the Florida line); Greene; Hale; Henry; Houston; Jackson; Jefferson; Lamar; Lee; Lowndes; Macon; Marengo; Marion; Marshall; Mobile (except south of Interstate 10 from the Mississippi state line east to Alabama Hwy. 188 and south on Alabama Hwy. 188 to Coden, Alabama); Montgomery; Perry; Pickens; Pike; Russell; Shelby; St. Clair; Sumter; Tallapoosa; Tuscaloosa; Walker; Washington; and Wilcox.

March 15 – April 30

Cullman: *Closed north of Lewis Smith Lake and north of Cullman County Hwy. 437 and west of Interstate 65.*

Geneva: *Closed south of Hwy. 52, east of Hwy. 167, west of Houston County line and north of the Florida line. Restocking efforts are underway.*

Colbert; Franklin; Lawrence, south of Alabama Hwy. 24; **Madison**; and **Winston**.
April 1 – April 30

Lauderdale, west of Natchez Trace and north of County Road 8 west of U.S. Hwy. 43;
Limestone, north of U.S. Hwy. 72. *April 9 – April 30*

Lawrence, north and east of Hwy. 157 and west of Hwy. 33 and south of Hwy. 20.
April 23 – April 27

Morgan County is not open to Turkey Hunting. Restocking efforts are underway.

(c) MOURNING DOVE:

SOUTH ZONE: Baldwin; Barbour; Coffee; Covington; Dale; Escambia; Geneva; Henry; Houston; and Mobile.

12 a Day – 12 in Possession in South Zone (70 days)
Split Season *October 9 – November 6*
November 24 – November 28
December 11 – January 15

Shooting Hours:

12 O'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only) *October 9*
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day) *October 10 – November 6*
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day) *November 24 – November 28*
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day) *December 11– January 15*

NORTH ZONE: All counties except those listed above.

15 a Day – 15 in Possession in North Zone (60 Days)
Split Season *September 11 – October 2*
October 30 – November 20
December 18 – January 2

Shooting Hours:

12 O'clock noon until Sunset (Afternoon Shooting Only) *September 11*
One-half hour before sunrise until sunset (All Day) *September 12 – October 2*
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day) *October 30 – November 20*
One-half hour before Sunrise until Sunset (All Day) *December 18 – January 2*

(d) BOBWHITE QUAIL: 12 a Day – 12 in Possession
November 15 – February 28

(e) RABBIT: 8 a Day – 8 in Possession *October 1 – February 28*

No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

(f) **SQUIRREL:** 8 a Day – 8 in Possession *October 1 – February 28*

(g) **RACCOON:** 5 Per Person – Private Owned and Leased Lands
September 1 – February 28

5 Per Party – Open Permit-Public Land *September 1 – February 28*

No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

(h) **OPOSSUM:** No Bag Limit *September 1 – February 28*

No running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

(i) **FOX:** 1 a Day – 1 in Possession – Daylight Hours Only – Guns only in areas of and during dates of turkey and/or gun deer season. Bow and Arrow (including Crossbow if legal) – in areas of and during dates of open bow and arrow seasons for deer and turkey.

DOGS ONLY – NO GUNS OR BOW AND ARROW (OR CROSSBOW)– No Closed Season except no running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

(j) **BOBCAT:** No Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only – Guns only in areas of and during dates of turkey and/or gun deer season. Bow and Arrow (including Crossbow if legal) – in areas of and during dates of open bow and arrow seasons for deer and turkey.

DOGS ONLY – NO GUNS OR BOW AND ARROW (OR CROSSBOW) – No Closed Season except no running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

NOTE: See "Tagging Requirements" under Rule 220-2-.30.

(k) **COYOTE: GUNS AND BOW AND ARROW (INCLUDING CROSSBOW IF LEGAL) ONLY (NO DOGS)**

No Bag Limit – No Closed Season. Daylight Hours Only.

GUNS AND BOW AND ARROW (INCLUDING CROSSBOW IF LEGAL) WITH DOGS
– Only during daylight hours in areas of and during dog deer season.

DOGS ONLY – NO GUNS OR BOW AND ARROW (OR CROSSBOW) – No Closed Season except no running of dogs during daytime or after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

(l) BEAVER, NUTRIA, AND GROUNDHOG:

No Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only *No Closed Season*

(m) STARLINGS, CROWS, AND BLACKBIRDS:

No Bag Limit – Daylight Hours Only *No Closed Season*

(n) FERAL SWINE (WILD HOGS):

GUNS, BOW AND ARROW (INCLUDING CROSSBOW IF LEGAL) OR SPEARS (NO DOGS)*

No bag limit – No Closed Season

GUNS, BOW AND ARROW (INCLUDING CROSSBOW IF LEGAL) OR SPEARS WITH DOGS*

No bag limit, daylight hours only – No Closed Season, except during and in areas of stalk only gun deer season and except during and in areas of spring turkey season.

DOGS ONLY– NIGHTTIME (NO WEAPONS)*

No bag limit – No closed season, except after 3:00 A.M. during and in areas of spring turkey season.

TRAPPING BY LANDOWNER OR HIS AGENT

No bag limit – No Closed Season

*No hunting on Tuesdays and Wednesdays on the Bankhead and Talladega (Talladega Division) National Forest during the dates of the deer season except hunting shall be allowed on **November 23 – 24** and **December 21 – 22**.

Once reduced to personal possession of the landowner or agent, feral swine will no longer be considered a game animal. However, feral swine will be treated as a game animal at any time they are hunted.

(o) BEAR, MOUNTAIN LION, ALLIGATOR AND RUFFED GROUSE

No Open Season

(p) WOODCOCK: 3 a Day – 6 in Possession *December 18 – January 31*

Shooting Hours – One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

(q) SNIPE: 8 a Day – 16 in Possession *November 13 – February 27*

Shooting Hours – One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

(r) RAIL, PURPLE GALLINULE AND COMMON MOORHENS:

15 a Day – 15 in Possession

September 18 – September 26

November 21 – January 20

Shooting Hours – One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

(s) SPECIAL TEAL SEASON:

4 a Day – 8 in possession

September 18 – September 26

Shooting Hours – One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

(t) SPECIAL EARLY CANADA GOOSE SEASON:

5 a Day – 10 in possession

September 1 – September 15

Shooting Hours – One-half hour before Sunrise to Sunset.

(u) DUCK, COOT, MERGANSER, GOOSE, TEAL: (See Rule 220-2-.77)

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Statutory Authority:

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PENALTY: As provided by law.

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